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1. During the period from 1 to 12 May 1952, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne on Redlitzer Strasse, Potsdam (N 53/2 60), was occupied almost to capacity. On 1 May, 50 to 70 officers and 700 to 800 EM, all of whom had marched from the southern section of the installation to its northern portion, assembled for a May Day celebration. While the celebration was held, about 200 more troops were observed in the billets of the southern portion of the installation and throughout the billeting area. After the celebration, 2 NCOs and 46 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with motor transport insignia, marched to the fuel dump on Bornstedter Feld. On 7 May, about 20 men were observed doing fatigue duties in the southern portion of the barracks installation. About 30 trucks, 1 ambulance and 1 caterpillar tractor were observed in the billeting area. Four prime movers, [redacted]

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[redacted] towing 152-mm gun howitzers, left the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. About 12 officers and 250 men, including 50 carrying telephone equipment, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, accompanied the howitzers. [redacted]

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In the afternoon of 9 May, instruction was given at the quarters and about 40 men were seen doing fatigue duties. Six trucks, 1 caterpillar tractor and 2 trailers were parked in front of the garages. The emplacing of 3 x 122-mm field guns towed by 3 caterpillar tractors and cross-country driving with these guns was practiced on Bornstedter Feld opposite the barracks installation. [redacted]

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On the morning of 12 May, there was little activity in the quarters. About 40 men were observed doing fatigue duties, 20 men carrying instruction material were seen marching to the garages, in front of which 20 trucks and 8 trailers were parked. At least eight 122-mm field guns were observed in one shed.

2. On 7 and 9 May, the northern portion of the Delius Kaserne was unoccupied. Only some sentries were seen. [redacted] loaded with fuel drums left the installation toward the town.

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3. During the period from 1 through 12 May, about half of the Hohenlohe Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse was occupied. On 1 May, 700 to 800 men, about 300 of whom had come from the Ludendorff Kaserne, and a military band had fallen in in the barracks yard for a May Day ceremony. About 50 other soldiers were seen in front of one barracks building.

4. During the period from 1 to 12 May, about half the Ludendorff Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse, was occupied. On 1 May, about 300 men had fallen in in the yard of the installation, they subsequently marched to the May Day ceremony at the Hohenlohe Kaserne. After this detachment had left, only about 30 men were seen in the billeting area. On 7 May, there was little activity in the northern and middle barracks buildings. The southern building was empty. Two groups of about 40 men were seen marching in the barracks yard. Ten 37-mm AA guns, 8 trucks and 1 ambulance were parked in front of the garages. No vehicular traffic was observed. (1)

5. On 5 and 6 May, there was no activity in the eastern section of the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz. The settlement south of the barracks installation was empty and the doors of the houses were boarded up. Only some windows of the billets in the western section of the installation were lighted. Four 76.2-mm field guns and 10 trucks were parked in front of a garage.

[redacted] left the northwestern gate toward Medlitz. On 9 May, about 150 men wearing red-bordered epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport or signal insignia left the barracks installation toward Doeberitz. The soldiers were armed with rifles and three light machine guns. [redacted] these soldiers represented the rear detail left at the installation. No vehicular traffic was observed. (2)

6. [redacted] On 9 May, a train loaded with soldiers who had come from the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz had been dispatched from this railroad station.

7. On 9 May, the barracks installation in Colm quartered only a rear detail of about 75 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. The ammunition depot in Eiche was guarded by soldiers of this detachment.

8. On 12 and 13 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Pappel Allee housed a high echelon headquarters. installation included:

9. On 12 and 13 May, officer candidates wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were observed for the first time near the Kriegsschule at the intersection of Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee.

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10. On 5 May, the NCO school at 23 Jaeger Allee quartered a rear detail of a signal unit, of about 40 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and an agency of the town komandatura. (5)
11. On 5 May, the Polizei Kaserne at 10/12 Jaeger Allee was occupied to capacity by a unit of about 1,000 men. Sentries observed there were black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 men were observed doing close-order drill under the supervision of 6 officers.

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13. In early May, an unusually large number of new officers, most of them majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels, were observed in the Babelsberg restricted area. [redacted] a new headquarters [redacted] had moved to this area. On 10 May, a convoy of small armored personnel carriers with unusually large tires was observed between Potsdam and Babelsberg.

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14. During April, [redacted] the wa[redacted] preparation department in the restricted area near Griebnitzsee and [redacted] a unit located in the Potsdam-Babelsberg area. The counterintelligence department was located on Albrecht Strasse, Potsdam. Since 15 April, the former Rheinmetall-Borsig factory on Ernst Thälmann-Strasse in Babelsberg has been occupied by a troop unit. On 22 April, several generals arrived at the Hilpark railroad station from Moscow. They were received by a large detachment of high-ranking officers and army general staff officers. On 25 and 26 April, there were many conferences in the Babelsberg restricted area. Lieutenant Colonel Tashchev (fnu) attended many of these conferences. (8)

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- 25X1 15. On 14 May, 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 AA machine gun and a radar set with a parabolic reflector were observed at the AAA emplacement at the Bergstuecken settlement. During the morning hours from 6 through 14 May, service of the piece drill and alerts were practiced in conjunction with operation of the radar set. On 14 May, 30 men had fallen in at the emplacement. Subsequently, 12 of them proceeded to the radar set. 25X1
16. During the period from 6 to 14 May, four 37-mm AA guns were seen at the emplacement in the athletic field on Franz Mehring Strasse. Training on the guns and physical training was conducted. (9) 25X1
17. On 5 May, the AAA emplacement at the Steinstuecken settlement was occupied by six 37-mm AA guns, 3 officers and about 45 men. Military training including physical training was observed. (9)
- 25X1 18. During the period from 6 through 12 May, the Hohenlohe Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse quartered about 200 men. On 6 May, a special vehicle mounting a generator and, on the roof of the truck a frame aerial which rotated around its vertical axle, was observed in the barracks yard. On 7 May, this vehicle was no longer seen. 25X1  
On 10 May, 45 and 40 men respectively were seen in front of two billets. On 12 May, the special vehicle fitted with a frame aerial was again seen in the barracks yard. The vehicle was marked with an artillery insignia.
19. On 8 May, the lighted windows of the Garde du Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee indicated that the installation was occupied to capacity. During the day, soldiers were seen in every second window of the installation. loaded with empty boxes and gasoline drums, entered the installation. 25X1
20. On 8 May, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne on Stalin Allee was only lightly occupied. 25X1
21. On 21 May, about 70 empty trucks, were parked near Adolf Hitler Kaserne. The drivers and assistant drivers of these trucks who wore red-bordered black, black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets, entered the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. 25X1
22. On 7 May, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen doing service of the piece drill with four 122-mm field guns on Bornstedter Feld, west of the Lelius Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse. Telephone operations and the stringing of overhead telephone lines were also observed. A radio station, consisting of two radio trucks, was seen in the southwestern corner of the field. (1) 25X1
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24. On 3 May, the quarters on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse in Potsdam-Babelsberg were occupied by 250 to 300 men who wore black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia or motor transport insignia. About 70 men had fallen in in the barracks yard. [redacted] each of them occupied by about 40 men, wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with signal and some with motor transport insignia, entered the installation from the Zubeilstrasse. (8)

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Comments.

- (1) These observations confirm information available in late April 1952 on the occupation of military installations in Potsdam. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The radar set at the Hohenlohe Kaserne reported in paragraph 18 was reported for the first time. This set, probably a RUS/2-type set, probably belongs to the 2d Gds AAA Div. 25X1
- (2) [redacted] the entraining of a rear detachment of the 10th Gds Tank Div, on 9 May 1952, the 150 men observed on 9 May are believed to have been the guard detachment of the Kavallerie Schule. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) [redacted] the 29th Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Kraepnitz. 25X1
- (4) Officer candidates have been observed for the first time at the Kriegsschule.
- (5) The existence at the NCO school of an agency of the komendatura is reported for the first time.
- (6) When compared with previous information on the occupation of the Polizei Kaserne, the number of soldiers reportedly stationed there appears to be exaggerated. [redacted] 25X1
- Possibly, the troops observed at the installation are guard and/or komendatura units.
- (7) [redacted] 25X1
- (8) The existence of such armored personnel carriers is reported for the first time. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The counterintelligence office mentioned is located in the generals' town quarters. [redacted] headquarters of the political administration of the GDR, which is believed to be located in the Potsdam-Babelsberg area. [redacted] frequently 25X1
- been observed in Griebnitzsee as a receiver of military shipments. Lieutenant Colonel Toshchev (fnu) is known to be assigned to a trade department (?) of the GDR in the Babelsberg restricted area. 25X1
- (9) The existence of the AAA emplacements was previously reported. Of 25X1
- particular interest is the SCR-508 type AAA director at the Berg-stuecken settlement. This director has also been observed [redacted]

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